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CLAIMS

10. (Thrice Amended) A vehicle cradle for removably receiving a portable terminal in a motorized vehicle used to deliver items to a destination address, the portable terminal being operable at a location remote from the vehicle cradle and when within the vehicle cradle, said cradle comprising:

a housing configured to allow a user to secure and remove the portable terminal;

a power management system for delivering power to the portable terminal when secured to the housing;

a communication port for communicating data from the vehicle cradle to the portable terminal; and

a GPS system locator coupled to said communication port for generating a location signal and transmitting said location signal to the portable terminal;

wherein the vehicle cradle includes an antenna operable to receive order data from the portable terminal, which vehicle cradle couples to a wide area network via a wide area network access point to transmit the order data over the wide area network to an order server;

whereby the location of the motorized vehicle is transmitted to the portable terminal by the vehicle cradle.

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39. (Twice Amended) A system for fulfilling orders placed from a remote computer, said system comprising:

a communication network for communicating an order from the remote computer to a central order processor, said order including a customer destination location for delivering a completed order;

a portable terminal having a data communication network connection for retrieving the order from the central order processor; and

a vehicle cradle for mounting on a motorized delivery vehicle for delivering goods to the customer destination location, said vehicle cradle including a housing for removably receiving said portable terminal, a power management system for delivering power to said portable terminal and a communication port for communicating data from said vehicle cradle to said portable terminal;

wherein said portable terminal is operable within said vehicle cradle and at a location remote from said vehicle cradle.

40. (Amended) The system of claim 39 wherein the vehicle cradle couples to a wide area network antenna for communicating signals to the central order processor.

41. The system of claim 39 wherein the vehicle cradle is coupled to a GPS antenna and location processor for deriving the coordinates of the vehicle.

43. The vehicle cradle of claim 10 wherein the communication port is a wireless communication transceiver.

44. The vehicle cradle of claim 43 wherein the communication port is an infra-red communication transceiver.

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45. (Thrice Amended) A vehicle cradle for removably receiving a portable terminal in a motorized vehicle, the portable terminal being operable at a location remote from the vehicle cradle and when within the vehicle cradle, said cradle comprising;

a housing configured to allow a user to secure and remove the portable terminal;

a battery charger for charging a battery within the portable terminal;

a communication port for receiving order data from the portable terminal;

and

a signal transmitter for transmitting the order data received from the portable terminal over a wide area wireless communication network to an order server.